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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

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Mockel *et al.*

Application No.: 09/935,757

Group Art Unit: 1652

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Examiner: K. Kerr

Title: Sequence Which Code for the sigE Gene

January 6, 2003

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to an official action dated October 6, 2003, wherein the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.

I. AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE

Please replace the title on page 1, line 1 with the following title.

~~--Sequence Which Code for the sigE Gene~~ Methods of Making L-Amino Acids in
Coryneform Bacteria Using the sigE Gene--